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How Will You Spend Your Life?
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“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:6-8 ESV).

Recently, I spoke at the funeral for my wife’s 95 year old grandmother. The following Monday, I was shocked to find that a 16 month old girl had fallen into a swimming pool and would later die. I was overcome with a humbling sense of the fragility of life. We live this life with no assurance of tomorrow much less 95 years. How should we spend the precious, limited time we have? The context of 2 Timothy 4:6-8 is the call to Timothy to “preach the Word” (v. 4:2). Our mission is the same — enjoy God and the blessings of the Gospel and then extend the Gospel to the world. Every follower of Christ should passionately pursue the same confidence Paul possessed. Paul had confidence in a glorious future because of how he had lived and was finishing his “race” for Christ. Paul, in the face of his impending death possessed a confident Gospel hope that drove him to run through the finish line. God has numbered our days, “So [Lord] teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12). Number your days and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ until you reach the finish line.



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